

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, beginning at line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional ~~(and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120)~~ of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/054,218, filed April 2, 1998, now abandoned, which claims the benefit under §119(e) of ~~which claims priority from~~ U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/042,678, filed April 2, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Please replace the paragraph at page 54, beginning at line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

In both the classical and MBLectin pathways, the initiating molecular complexes are composed of an oligomeric ligand-binding component (MBL or Clq, ~~respectively~~) which, on reacting with ligands, activates the two associated serine proteases (MASP-1 and MASP-2 or C1r and C1s, ~~respectively~~).